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Report of the Third Committee*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Human rights questions: report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Third Committee held a substantive debate on sub-item (e) jointly with sub-items (b), (c), and (d) at its 31st and 33rd to 42nd meetings on 6, 8, 9, and 12 to 16 November 2001. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/54/SR.31 and 33-42).

3. For the documents before the Committee under this sub-item, see A/56/583.

4. At the 31st meeting, on 6 November, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/56/SR.31).

5. At the 33rd meeting, on 8 November, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/56/SR.33).

6. At the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 made introductory statements (see A/C.3/56/SR.33).

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7. At the 34th meeting, on 8 November, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/56/SR.34).

8. At the same meeting, the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights introduced the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/56/327) (see A/C.3/56/SR.34).

9. At the 35th meeting, on 9 November, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar and the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia made introductory statements (see A/C.3/56/SR.35).

10. At the 36th meeting, on 9 November, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi, the Special Rapporteur on the freedom of religion or belief and the Special Rapporteur on the right to food made introductory statements (see A/C.3/56/SR.36).

11. At the 37th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights introduced the report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons (A/56/168) (see A/C.3/56/SR.37).

12. At the same meeting, the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders made introductory statements (see A/C.3/56/SR.37).

13. No proposals were submitted and no action was taken under this sub-item.